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## THE LIBERATOR.

The right of suffrage is not a natural right; God never gave the right of suffrage, or of holding office, to an infant who never dreamed of voting or of holding office. Yet he has given the infant and the female a right to live, and we hang a man for murdering infants or females, precisely as for murdering men. We protect the negro, precisely as we protect our wives, our children, ourselves; for the law of Ohio that protects my life and liberty, protects that of the negro to precisely the same extent.

But Mr. Pillsbury insists that the right of suffrage and of holding office are natural rights, embraced in the Declaration of Independence, which proclaims that all men are equal in the natural rights with which God has endowed them; and he assails Republicans for not agreeing with him.

On this subject, every State acts, and must act, for itself. New England and New York allow the black man to vote, while Indiana and Illinois deny him the right of suffrage altogether. Yet the Republicans of all these States agree that life, liberty and happiness are the birthright of every human soul, whether black or white, and they have pledged themselves to God and mankind to protect the black and white men in the enjoyment of these prerogatives of the human soul; and while free citizens of Ohio are kidnapped, carried to Kentucky, and enslaved—while the colored mother, on Ohio's soil, is by the Federal Government, driven to such agony as to murder her own child, or see it carried to the hell of slavery—while black men are shot down and murdered with impunity before the eyes of our people—Mr. Pillsbury, standing beside their bleeding bodies, turns round, and insists that Republicans shall discuss the right which these men should have had to vote, had they not been murdered.

While we are putting forth all our efforts to condemn these murderers and pirates to the gallows, he insists that we shall suspend our purpose; and as he hears the shrieks of thirty thousand human beings, annually consigned to premature graves, he calls us to let the work of death go on, until we settle the vexed question of the negro's right to vote. Every slaveholder and every dough-face joins with him in demanding that we shall say nothing of these barbarous murders, of this heathenish piracy, but direct our attention to the subject of voting and holding office. I will not gratify them. When our acts of Congress shall be so amended as to hang murderers, and to send those who enslave mankind to the penitentiary, we will then discuss the right of negro suffrage, and not till then. J. R. GIDDINGS.

## WORCESTER POLITICAL ANTI-SLAVERY CONVENTION.

MR. GARRISON.—Please find enclosed, letters to the Political Anti-Slavery Convention which should have been sent with the report, and published, but were detained through mistake.

Yours, truly, WM. A. WILSON.

BOSTON, Sept. 9th, 1860.

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